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Papers were given to DDCl  
for 27 Jan. White House  
meeting on Soviet Export  
Embargo

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Meeting on Grain Shipments  
19 January 82  
1530-1630

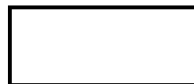
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OGI pulled this material together for you. It includes

- Talking Points + Summary graphics (Tab A)
- Recent article on subject from IEEW (Tab B)
- Recent memo on results of previous grain embargo - after Afghanistan invasion (Tab C)

Hope this will be useful.



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MEETING INFORMATION

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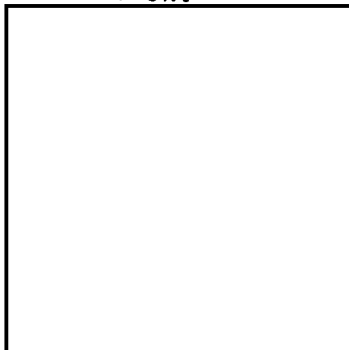
SUBJECT : Meetings

Type of Meeting : "A Meeting" Requested attendance by Admiral Inman.  
 Date : Tuesday, 19 January  
 Time : 3:30-4:30  
 Place : Room 7219, Deputy's Conference Room  
 State Department  
 Chaired By : Ambassador Stoessel  
 Principal Only? : Yes  
 Subject/Agenda : Grain Shipments to the Soviet Union

When to Expect Papers: None to be distributed beforehand.

Time Info Received : 0935 19 January from Sheila Lopez at State.

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Grain Shipments to the USSRTalking Points

- o We expect the USSR to import a record 45 million tons of grain in the marketing ending 30 June 1982.
- o They have already purchased or have commitments for 39 million tons.
- o Soviet grain needs this year exceed their ability to import by at least 10 million tons.
- o Soviet import requirements will remain high even if they are able to restore growth in grain production.
- o Now and in the future, Moscow can obtain most of its grain needs from non-US sources if they choose -- but probably not in the mix of wheat and coarse grains they have preferred in the past.
- o Since Warsaw declared martial law on 13 December, grain prices generally have drifted lower, following the trend of the last year and reflecting the abundance of grain in the international market.
- o Of the 12.5 million tons already purchased from the United States, 6.2 million tons have already been shipped.
- o To hurt the Soviets an embargo would have to include all or most major exporters.
- o During the 1980 embargo, other grain exporters failed to cooperate with the US and chances of imposing an effective embargo now seem remote.

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## USSR: Grain Imports, July 1981 - June 1982

	<u>Projected Total</u>	<u>Sales and Commitments To date</u>	<u>Shipped<sup>1</sup> July-December</u>
Total	45.0	38.9	21.8
of which:			
US	18.0	12.5	6.2
Canada	8.0	8.0	4.8
Argentina	12.5	12.5	6.9
EC <sup>2</sup>	3.0	2.8	2.1
Australia	1.2	1.2	.4
Eastern Europe	1.0	1.0	.7
Other	1.3	.9	.7

<sup>1</sup> Estimated.

<sup>2</sup> Includes wheat flour and grain equivalent of mixed feed.

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## *USSR: Grain Imports, by Source*

